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Associated General Contractors of America, Washington, D. C.

Building Officials Conference, New York, N. Y.

Federal Specifications Board, Washington, D. C.

Hollow Building Tile Association, Chicago, Ill.

Mason Contractors Association of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio.

Masters Builders Association, St. Louis, Mo.

National Association of Builders Exchange, Baltimore, Md.

National Association of Real Estate Boards, Chicago, Ill.

National Builders Supply Association, Indianapolis, Ind.

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[Held at the Department of Commerce, October 19, 1923.]

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## HOLLOW BUILDING TILE.

In accordance with the unanimous action of the joint conference of representatives of manufacturers, distributors, and users named on page 3, the United States Department of Commerce, through the Bureau of Standards, recommends that the number of sizes of hollow building tile be reduced to the following:

TABLE 1.  
STANDARD LOAD-BEARING WALL TILE.

	Number of cells.	Weight, each.
		Pounds.
<b>End construction:</b>		
3¾ by 12 by 12.....	3	20
6 by 12 by 12.....	6	30
8 by 12 by 12.....	6	36
10 by 12 by 12.....	6	42
12 by 12 by 12.....	6	48
<b>Side construction:</b>		
3¾ by 5 by 12.....	1	9
8 by 5 by 12.....	2	16
8 by 5 by 12 ("L" shaped).....		16
8 by 6¼ by 12 ("T" shaped).....	4	16
8 by 7¾ by 12 (square).....	6	24
8 by 10¼ by 12 ("H" shaped).....	7	32

STANDARD PARTITION TILE.

3 by 12 by 12.....	3	15
4 by 12 by 12.....	3	16
6 by 12 by 12.....	3	22
8 by 12 by 12.....	4	30
10 by 12 by 12.....	4	36
12 by 12 by 12.....	4	40

STANDARD SPLIT FURRING TILE.

2 by 12 by 12.....		9
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STANDARD BOOK TILE.

3 by 12 by 18 to 24.....		Pound per square foot. 18
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Not more than 5 per cent tolerance over or under allowable for weights and 3 per cent over or under for dimensions covering length, width, and height.

GEORGE K. BURGESS,  
*Director, Bureau of Standards.*

APPROVED January 1, 1924, subject to regular annual revision by similar conference.

HERBERT HOOVER,  
*Secretary of Commerce.*



## SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE.

The increasing tendency on the part of manufacturers of building materials to secure the advantages obtainable through the application of the principles of simplified practice to their individual commodities was, in a large measure, responsible for the hollow building tile group meeting with distributors and users of this material for the purpose of recommending a simplified line of sizes and weights of hollow building tile.

The cooperative services of the division of simplified practice available to all American industries in the elimination of waste were requested by the manufacturers of the commodity at a preliminary conference held at the Department of Commerce on June 19, 1923. Data supplied in response to a survey conducted by the standards committee of the Hollow Building Tile Association, disclosed the usual variations in sizes and weights of tile, as generally exists in commodities of allied industries.

Thirty-six different sizes, each made in a wide variety of weights, showed the prevailing uneconomic policy in production, and the preliminary conference asked that a general conference be called with properly accredited representatives of the distributing and consuming groups. On October 19, 1923, this general conference was held, and a detailed discussion by representatives of the three groups interested led up to the unanimous adoption of varieties of tile as shown in Table 1 on page 4 of this pamphlet.

It was understood that the last four units of tile as listed under "Standard Partition Tile" should remain in this classification until a course of tests now in process at the Bureau of Standards should determine whether they would be classed as floor tile of standard weights.

The conference offered the recommendation to become effective January 1, 1924, and be subject to revision one year from that date, the simplification thus to be kept abreast of advances in practice, while it progressively eliminates the waste of needless or obsolescent varieties.







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The increasing tendency on the part of manufacturers of building materials to secure the advantages of standardization through the application of the principles of scientific practice to their individual communities was, in a large measure, responsible for the holding of this conference. The purpose of the conference was to bring into contact the various groups of manufacturers in a way that would result in a more uniform and efficient use of materials and methods of building.

The cooperative efforts of the various manufacturers in the production of standard materials and methods of building were discussed by the various groups. The conference was held in the city of New York, and was attended by representatives of the various groups. The conference was held in the city of New York, and was attended by representatives of the various groups. The conference was held in the city of New York, and was attended by representatives of the various groups.

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The conference offered the opportunity to discuss the various problems of the industry. The conference was held in the city of New York, and was attended by representatives of the various groups. The conference was held in the city of New York, and was attended by representatives of the various groups.







